

REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant amendment, claims 21-40 will be pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 1-20 are canceled and claims 21-40 are added. Reconsideration of the rejected claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Response to Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

The instant amendment is responsive to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decision mailed on May 24, 2007. Although Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's previous prior art rejections and the Board decision for reasons already made of record, Applicant has nevertheless canceled the rejected claims in favor of new claims which are believed to define the invention over the applied art of record.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all of the claims are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed. Applicant hereby makes a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required.

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Respectfully submitted,
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